

a cutter bed including a series of rotary cutters extending across the path of travel of the machine and rotatable about individual upright axes;

a crop discharge opening located behind the cutter bed for receiving severed crop materials from the series of cutters,

said discharge opening having a pair of opposite ends, said series of cutters including a group of intermediate cutters positioned in front of said discharge opening with the first and last cutters of said intermediate group being located adjacent said opposite ends of the discharge opening,

said series of cutters further including at least a pair of opposite end cutters located outboard of the first and last cutters of the intermediate group and outboard of said discharge opening;

means for driving the cutters of said intermediate group in oppositely rotating pairs for directing severed material between the cutters of each pair and into the discharge opening,

the first and last cutters of the intermediate group rotating generally inwardly toward the discharge opening across the front of the cutter bed;

means for driving the end cutters in the same direction as their next adjacent first or last cutter of the intermediate group such that the end cutters and the

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first and last cutters of the intermediate group all rotate generally inwardly toward the discharge opening across the front of the cutter bed; and conveying means operably associated with each end cutter and its next adjacent intermediate group cutter for moving cut crop materials inwardly toward said discharge opening.

/ In claim 2, line 5, before "group" insert --intermediate--.

/ In claim 3, line 5, before "group" insert --intermediate--.

/ In claim 3, line 10, before "group" insert --intermediate--.

/ In claim 3, line 13, before "group" insert --intermediate--.

REMARKS

A reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been amended, so that claims 1-6 are pending. Claim 1 is independent.

In the Office Action of July 14, 1994, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The claims have now been amended as suggested in the Office Action, and are in condition for allowance. Additionally, the disclosure was objected to because of the two informalities noted in the Office Action. The specification is also presently amended pursuant to the recommendations in the Office Action.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in the case, the undersigned may be contacted at (800) 445-3460 to discuss those issues.